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Grants Commission (UGC) has recently revised its guidelines for granting deemed to be university status to institutions under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. These guidelines *inter-alia* provide:—

- (i) Permission to Deemed Universities to open centres outside its campus anywhere in India and in foreign countries.
- (ii) Provisional status of Deemed University to de-novo institutions in the emerging areas with the promise of excellence, not yet fulfilling the prescribed guidelines of UGC.
- (c) and (d) Seventy applications including the proposal of Kerala Kalamandalam have been received for seeking Deemed University status. These proposals have been referred to UGC for examination and their recommendations/comments. Declaration of an institution as Deemed University is a statutory process done on fulfilment of several requirements under the guidelines.

Central Universities

3091. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Universities in the country;
- (b) the norms prescribed for establishment of Central universities;
- (c) whether Government have a proposal to set up any new Central university during Ninth Five Year Plan to promote higher education;
- (d) whether any new Central university is proposed to be set up in Orissa during that Plan period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) There are 17 Central universities (including Central Agricultural University, Imphal) in the country. In addition, the Mizoram University Act, 2000 to establish and incorporate a teaching and affiliating university in the State of

Mizoram has since received the assent of the President. The said Act is, however, yet to come into force.

(b) to (f) A Central University is established by the Government of India through an Act of Parliament, which comes into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) lays emphasis on the consolidation and expansion of facilities in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities, save where past commitments are involved. In view of this, no new Central University is proposed to be set up in the State of Orissa or elsewhere in the Country.

Grants to NCPUL for promotion of Urdu

3092. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants given to National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language during 1998-99 and 1999-2000:

(b) the details of item-wise expenditure during the said period, year-wise;

(c) the amount of income earned by the Council through sale of books during the same period; and

(d) the number of books; published during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The following grants were given to National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) during 1998-99 and 1999-2000:—

1998-99	Rs. 290.00 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 435.00 lakhs